

1 AN ACT relating to education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 2-3.131 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.131 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.131. Special education teacher incentives  
8 program.

9 (a) As used in this Section, the term "special education  
10 program" means a program provided for those children  
11 described in Sections 14-1.02 and 14-1.03a of this Code.

12 (b) The State Board of Education shall establish a  
13 program to provide monetary incentives to teachers who are  
14 certified pursuant to Section 14-9.01 of this Code. To  
15 receive a monetary incentive under this program, a teacher  
16 shall contract with the State Board of Education to teach in  
17 a special education program in a school district for 3 school  
18 years. The amount of the incentive shall be as follows:

19 (1) \$3,000 after completion of the first school  
20 year in the program, contingent upon the teacher  
21 receiving a satisfactory or better rating when evaluated  
22 under Article 24A of this Code.

23 (2) \$3,000 after completion of the second school  
24 year in the program, contingent upon the teacher  
25 receiving a satisfactory or better rating when evaluated  
26 under Article 24A of this Code.

27 (3) \$4,000 after completion of the third school  
28 year in the program, contingent upon the teacher  
29 receiving a satisfactory or better rating when evaluated  
30 under Article 24A of this Code.

31 (c) Unless occasioned by death or total and permanent

1 disability, the failure of a teacher to complete all or part  
2 of his or her commitment under this Section shall obligate  
3 the teacher to proportionately repay the amount of the  
4 incentive provided, plus 5% interest on that amount.

5 (d) The State Board of Education may adopt any rules  
6 necessary to implement this Section.